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GUEST EDITORIAL

A National Crime File

The FBI is developing a nationwide information system to serve law enforcement agencies throughout the country. It will be known as the National Crime Information Center and will be located at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

This new information center will complement computerized systems already in operation as well as those being planned by local and State enforcement agencies. Eventually, it will be the hub of a vast information network which will serve as a rapid means of processing, storing, retrieving, and instantly transmitting vital police information, national in scope, to any point in the country in a matter of seconds.

Advisory groups are currently making studies of processing needs so that uniform standards and coding definitions may be drawn up and approved. With assistance of representatives from other law enforcement agencies, electronics experts are working on procedures to effect a smooth, compatible interchange of information by all participants in the network. When specific rules are established, rigid adherence to and strict compliance with such regulations will be mandatory if the center is to provide optimum service.

The FBI center is expected to be in limited operation by January 1967. Initial services to be programmed include data on stolen automobiles, other identifiable stolen property, and wanted persons. Other phases will be added as the center develops. The goal is an increasing reservoir of scientifically stored data on criminal activities, gathered by Federal and local departments, which will give the officer on the street or any agency in any part of the country up-to-the-minute information, upon request.

Certainly, the random-access computer is not the whole answer to the Nation's crime problem. Yet, all enforcement officials are enthusiastic about computerized information systems and their great potential for improving police operations, investigations, and analysis by making necessary information immediately available. Today, computer and communication technology has eliminated two major problems — burdensome volume and time lag — which make a manually operated national system impracticable.

Cooperation is the keynote of success in law enforcement. The development of local and State computerized systems is necessary for a successful national crime information center. The FBI welcomes this opportunity to extend our cooperative efforts through the establishment of this center. We are anxious to help bring the full impact of electronics into the fight against crime and violence. We believe the National Crime Information Center will materially increase the effectiveness of our profession and assist law enforcement in its primary objective — protecting human life and property.

John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation;
(Reprinted from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin).

Opinions of Others

President Johnson has held news conferences. . . . Some have been televised. Some have been staged at the LBJ Ranch with Mr. Johnson atop bales of hay. . . . Now a new locale has been found. It is the presidential jet, outfitted so that Mr. Johnson can sit at a desk and address a planeload of newsmen . . . at an altitude of 30,000 feet. Very appropriate, indeed, for these are highflying times. Many of our celebrated thinkers are up in the clouds and the Great Society has put pie in the sky.—Cushing (Okla.) Citizen.

It is suggested that if the real enemy is inflation, the source of the trouble is the bigness of government itself. And more massive federal spending programs are on the launching pad. President Johnson would be setting an example by seeing that government cuts back on non-essential handout programs. But these are rather popular politically.—La Porte (Ind.) Herald-Argus.

There was . . . an attempt for the federal government to infringe into the free press of the country recently. Some group, no doubt looking for a job themselves, wanted to start a newspaper for circulation in a particular federal housing unit. This would have been the most expensively operated newspaper in the world on the basis of circulation. It would have had two objects: Continuation of jobs for those in charge and promoting more federal controls.—Grangeville (Idaho) Press.

Several government committees are all in a tizzy about deceptive packaging. We wonder when they'll get around to investigating women's clothing.—Glenwood (Iowa) Opinion-Tribune.

. . . there ought to be some way to punish union defiers of the courts.—Portland (Me.) Press Herald.

The first duty of a company to society as well as to its owners is still to strive for profit by producing as efficiently as possible and competing as effectively as possible for the favor of consumers. Progressive businesses have never hesitated to spend capital for new or expanded facilities which in due course are expected to return profits in excess of the expenditure. I suggest the difference between capital investment and social investment is much more a difference of degrees than of kind.—Henry Ford II, chairman of the board Ford Motor Company.

Two-Way Picket



FROM THE MAILBOX

Dental Health Executive Thanks Club for it's Aid

Editor, Press-Herald:

I speak in behalf of the Torrance Dental Health Association. We are very grateful for a generous donation from the Torrance Kiwanis Club.

This is the beginning of the 15th year of continuous operation for the Torrance Dental Health Association. This is a philanthropic organization administered by a small group of school nurses, school teachers, and PTA members, along with one or two local business and professional men.

They provide the means for dental care to those Torrance school children who, for economic circumstances, would not otherwise be able to have dental work done. The dentistry is done in the offices of your local Dental Society members. They discount their regular fees an average of about 50 per cent.

The Torrance Dental Health Association is reimbursed by the parents of these patients when possible. In many cases, through considerable sacrifice, the parents will repay the entire amount.

In a very recent case, a father was cured from a crippling disease enough to return to work. After his fourth month at work he repaid the entire amount of more than \$100 for dental work his children received during the two years he was off work. This is very gratifying. This is the reason I believe that the Torrance Dental Health Association has continued for 14 years.

As this community grows and prospers we find that percentage-wise this need decreases from about 2 per cent of the school children in 1953 to less than 1 per cent in 1965. But because of

the vast increase in school enrollment, the actual number of needy children has grown larger.

At our meeting last month there were 80 dental cases either under treatment or committed and 32 additional cases that could not be treated because of the shortage of funds in Torrance Dental Health Association's treasury. So we need the continuous support of our local service clubs and organizations.

We thank the Kiwanis Club for its support in the past and for its present contribution. I hope we can count on the community in the future.

For the Torrance Dental Health Association and certainly for the families that have received help under this plan, my sincere thanks. Stanley D. Challis, DDS
First Vice President
Torrance Dental Health Association

Library Stand Wins Approval

Editor, Press-Herald:

Your editorial "Library Week Reminder" emphasizes the most important fact concerning the decision that must be made by our City Council about Torrance libraries. Whether Torrance will join the County district or form an independent library system is of great importance to this community. As your editorial pointed out, the people of this city must not be short changed in the type and level of service in their libraries.

The League of Women Voters believes that a substantial increase in the level of library service is imperative. The ever increasing educational and cultural needs of this community

must be met through good libraries.

Although library services have increased as the city has grown, they haven't kept pace with the needs of library users. Minimum standards recommended by the California State Library for Torrance call for 6,000 sq.-ft. branch libraries, a 40,000-sq.-ft. main library and a book stock of at least 100,000 volumes. Torrance, as yet, does not even approach any of those minimum standards.

Constructive planning is necessary on the part of the City Council to insure this city of the best library service available to us. It is our hope that a definite program of library improvement will be started in the very near future.

We appreciate the fine coverage of local events by the Press-Herald and especially your interest and concern about our libraries. By bringing forth issues and problems in the community, you help us all to become better informed citizens.

Mrs. William Radcliffe,
President, Torrance
League of Women Voters

WILLIAM HOGAN

Reporting of Post-War Pairs Wins Book Award

Janet Flanner ("Genet") is a one-time Indiana girl who has contributed a literate and sparkling "Letter From Paris" to The New Yorker for more than 40 years. In March she received a National Book Award for the "most distinguished" work (in the category of Arts and Letters) published in this country during 1965. "Paris Journal: 1944-1965," a generous sampling of her post-war reportage (Athenum), is a sustained and fascinating record of cultural and political France of the period by one of the most articulate and consistently excellent literary stylists in journalism.

Miss Flanner is amused to note that both book and prize have given her a "status" and position of authority in the American literary arena which over the 20 years she was writing and publishing this material, had escaped her. Magazine journalism is something to be thrown away.

A sharp, vastly informed lady who speaks with the style and emphasis of her essays, Miss Flanner is

HERB CAEN SAYS:

He Has Nomination for Filmdom's New 'Turkey'

Care to make a long-distance wager? Okay, betcha that the Charlie Chaplin-Marlon Brando-Sophia Loren movie, "The Countess from Hong Kong," will be the biggest turkey since "Cleopatra" . . . Things I'm tired of hearing about: Barbara Streisand's million-dollar baby, detailed descriptions of what Jackie Kennedy wore to what, domino tournaments, psychedelics trips. The florists, so feisty about their business, really should complain to the clothing manufacturers. More and more men's suits are coming out without a buttonhole in the lapel, which undoubtedly accounts for the sagging sale of boutonnières — and can a man be really well dressed without one?

Your gov't. in action: When public relations officers start reaching for "newsy" angles, you can bet that the services are settling down for a long war. What I mean is, I have at hand a four-page mimeographed handout for the Military Sea Transport Service ("For Immediate Release") that begins cheerily: "Getting There Is Half the Fun" applies even to a Viet Nam-bound troop transport! . . . My first reaction was to stop right there, but the exclamation mark nudged me into the thicker type, and I must

say it sounds like a cruise nobody should miss. There's reveille at 5:30 a.m., followed by roll call, sick call and inspection — good fun all. Then there's a cleanliness contest, the reward for which is a steak dinner, and an essay contest on the subject: "Why I am Fighting in Viet Nam!" The winner of that gets an electric shaver, and what could be handier in the jungle? Except maybe

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a bowling ball . . . Anyway, getting there is half the fun — for the MSTs people. The other half is that THEY get to sail right back.

Hard currency: If you happen to have a "K" series dollar bill, look at it. It tells, in its own way, the tragic story of John F. Kennedy's death. The series date is 1963, the year of the assassination. The large number 11, for the Federal Reserve District, could also represent November, the month of the shooting. The four 11s, one in each corner, add up to 44, Kennedy's age at the time. The significance of the big black "K" is obvious. And the bills were issued on the Federal Reserve Bank of — Dallas, Texas.

Bagatelle: A commuter

ROYCE BRIER

Wily Buddhist Monk Calls Shots In Saigon Revolt

In our young days there was a pirate Bey of Tunis whom Stephen Decatur humbled, and your parents will remember Aguinaldo, the Philippines insurrecto.

But, unlike the British, the American people have not been associated with, or conscious of, very many odd, obstreperous characters in foreign lands we smugly term backward.

We've got one now in Thich Tri Quang, the bald Buddhist monk in South Viet Nam who is calling the shots in the smoldering revolt against the Ky regime.

Some Washington observers have noted that, after 12 years, the Presidential group still lacks experts in Buddhism and Buddhism. If a State Department functionary wants to learn about them they can hunt an encyclopedia, and still not find

a scrap about the Indochina brand of political Buddhism. For State, it's a hell of a way to run a Saigon-Da Nang railroad.

Yet experts, if any existed, might be baffled by Tri Quang. Just now the reporters are getting to him, and finding him fascinating.

He is the leader in the United Buddhist Church which turned on, then turned off, the street dis-

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orders against the Ky regime, pending its promise to call a constitutional convention.

But don't think Tri Quang is a trusting fellow because his schoolboys are back at their studies. He's as wily as they come, and while professing patience to permit

aboard a bus yesterday morn overheard two prim Little Old Ladies in deep conversation: First: "I think I'll take that package bus tour up to Reno." Second: "Well, if you do, dearie, let me give you a tip. Now when you go to the bar for your free drink, don't let the bartender see your coupon. Hold a dollar bill in your hand. If he sees that free coupon first, he'll mix you a real weak drink, and you want a martini with a kick in it, don't you?" First: "Hell, yes!"

Papa in action: A. E. Hotchner, author of "Papa Hemingway," reminisced here that one of Hemingway's pet hates was the elegant, chi-chi Pavilion restaurant in New York, rated No. 1 in the U.S. The last time Hemingway ate there, he sent back the wine ("dry cork"), dismissed the venison ("underhung and overcooked"), flipped over a vinaigrette sauce for the oysters ("put vinegar on oysters you charge a buck apiece for?") and, as he left, roared at Owner Henri Soule, for the whole room to hear: "I've had better food in the county jail!" This might have had something to do with M. Soule's recent untimely death.

Ky to cut his own throat, he doesn't believe a word of it. Indeed, if his lads are back in the streets this week, don't be dumbfounded. You can't keep up with Tri Quang.

Recently he gave a speech in Hue, in which he said Viet Nam is "oppressed" by two pressures — Communist and American. He told his listeners they could hurt the Ky regime more by refraining from demonstrating. The logic of this may not be too apparent, and you have to wonder if it isn't a trick, lulling Ky while Tri Quang prepares another crusher.

His general philosophy is that the Americans are "obstructing" democracy by supporting Ky, and he said Buddhists "cannot live" in a country which doesn't have a national assembly or is controlled by Washington.

Then he delivered an undercut. Ky's chief of state, General Thieu, may try to sabotage elections by stirring new disorders. Could this be a plant for new demonstrations Tri Quang is planning? Don't know. He also advanced the convoluted idea that Ky and Thieu might resign in a plot to "create anarchy," and so postpone the institution of republican government.

You perceive Tri Quang generates angles you and I haven't considered, and it is entirely possible President Johnson and Ambassador Lodge haven't considered them either. Moreover, he is certain to have angles he is not mentioning, because who admits to four aces until the chips are down?

So watch this guy. It's sure-fire we are ill-informed on what's really in his mind.

My Neighbors



"Say, Pop, shouldn't I be getting a cost-of-living adjustment?"

Abe Mellinkoff